THE

FORM

OF AN

INSTALLATION

OF A

KNIGHT

OF THE

GARTER.

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In a Chapter of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, held *April* 24, 1663.

HIS Royal Highneſs, the Duke of York, *then taking Notice of ſome Difference amongſt the Officers about directing the Ceremonies,*

It was declared by the Sovereign and Companions, That the ſole Ordering thereof, belonged unto Garter; *and accordingly it was ordered, that he ſhould have the Care thereof for the future, to direct or order the ſame.*

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CEREMONY
OF AN
INSTALLATION.

THE Commissioners appointed to Install the Knights-Elect, being robed in the compleat Habit of the Order, meet in the great Chamber in the Dean of *Windsor*'s Lodgings, where the Officers of the Order attend in their Habits, and the Knights-Elect come thither in their Under-habits, with their Caps and Feathers in their Hands.

When there is a *Proctor*, he comes in his ordinary Habit.

Such Knights as are not named in the Commiſſion, are firſt to be conducted in their full Habits to the Chappel, preceded by the poor Knights and Prebends in their Habits, and the Officers of Arms in their Coats, who enter the Choir with the uſual Reverences; and when ſuch Knights have taken their reſpective Stalls, and poor Knights and Prebends return and attend in the Cloyſter, and the Officers of Arms in the Dean's Hall,

Then the Proceſſion begins in the following Order.

Poor Knights two and two:

Prebends two and two:

Officers of Arms two and two:

The Elect-Knights two and two, having their Caps and Feathers in their Hands, the Juniors going firſt; and if the Number be odd, the Junior paſſeth alone.

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The Officers of the Order in their Crimſon-ſattin Mantles, the Regiſter having on his Right Hand Garter King of Arms, carrying the Sovereign's Commiſſion and the Black Rod on his Left.

The Knights Commiſſioners two and two, covered with their black Caps and Feathers, the Juniors firſt;

And thus proceeding into the North Iſle of the Chappel, the poor Knights make a Stand at a diſtance beyond the Chapter-houſe Door;

The Prebends do the ſame nearer to the Chapter-houſe Door.

The Officers of Arms next to the Chapter-houſe Door.

The Knight-Elect retires to a Chair placed for that purpoſe behind the Altar.

The *Proctors* (by a late Decree) are not to go in the Proceſſion, but retire privately to their Chairs at the Back of the Altar.

The three Officers of the Order enter into the Chapter-houſe; after them the Commiſſioners, who ſeat themſelves at the Sides of the Table, according to their Seniority and Form of the Stalls in the Chappel.

Garter, with Reverence, preſents the Commiſſion to the Senior Commiſſioner, who gives it to the Regiſter to read, which being done, he preſents the ſame to the Lords Commiſſioners, who re-deliver the ſame to the Regiſter to be enter'd.

Then Garter is ſent to conduct the Senior Knight, by Election, from his Chair to the Chapter-houſe Door, where he is received by the Commiſſioners; Garter then proceeding before them to that part of the Table, where the Enſigns of the Knight-Elect are placed.

Garter is then ſent to bring in all the other Knights-Elect, or *Proxies*, according to their Seniorities, who

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are all ſingly introduced and received in the ſame manner.

Garter then preſents to the Lords Commiſſioners the Surcoat of the ſenior Knight Elect, who inveſt him therewith, the Regiſter reading the Admonition.

Take this Robe, &c.

Then Garter preſents the Crimſon Velvet Girdle to the Lords Commiſſioners, who buckle it on over the Surcoat.

Then the Hanger and Sword which they alſo gird on.

The ſame is repeated to all the Knights Elect in their Order, but the *Proxies* are not inveſted.

The Knights Elect continue in the Chapter-Houſe while the Proceſſion is made to the Choir, and the Hatchments of the deceaſed Knights offered.

The poor Knights enter firſt, make their Reverences altogether in

Proceedings to the Choir.

the middle of the Choir, firſt to the Altar, then to the Sovereign's Stall, and proceed up as near as they can to the Rails of the Altar, placing themſelves below each other, on each Side.

The Prebends follow making the like Reverences, and ſtand all below the poor Knights, excepting two, who go to the Altar.

The Officers of Arms next enter, with the ſame Reverences, and ſtand below the Prebends on both Sides.

The Officers of the Order come next, in the ſame manner, and ſtand before their own Seat or Form.

The Commiſſioners enter together, if they are Companions, make their Reverences, and ſtand under their Banners, before their reſpective Stalls; but if not Companions, the Junior enters firſt, and the other follows.

Garter goes into the middle of the Choir, where he makes his Reverences, and then repairs to the Place where he before had ordered the Hatchments to be laid on a Stool, and takes up the Banner, which he holds almoſt roll'd up.

Offering Atchievements.

The Provincial Kings then meet, make their Reverences, and paſs down into the middle of the Choir, repairing to the Lords Commiſſioners, who thereon join, and receiving the Banner from Garter, make their Reverences towards the Altar, and then to the Sovereign's Stall; and being preceded by the two Kings of Arms, carry the ſame, the Point forward a little declining, to the firſt Step of the Altar, where they make the like Reverences, and from thence go to the Rails, where they make their Reverences only to the Altar, then (kneeling) deliver it to the two Prebends, who place it up-

upright at the South End of the Altar; and then the Lords Commiſſioners having made the ſame Reverences as they did in their coming up, return to the former Place under their Banners, being waited on by the ſaid Kings of Arms, who return to their former Station.

Then the two eldeſt Heralds in like manner meet, make their Reverences, repairing to the Lords Commiſſioners, to whom Garter delivers the Sword, the Pomel or Hilt upwards, which is in like manner carried up and offered, and the Commiſſioners then return as before.

The two next Heralds then meet in the like manner, and repair to the Lords Commiſſioners, to whom Garter delivers the Helm and Creſt, which are offered in the ſame manner.

The Hatchments of each deceaſed Knight are to be offered one after the other in this Form.

The Knights then ſtanding under their reſpective Banners,

Return to the Chapter-houſe.

The poor Knights forthwith join, make their Reverences, and go out of the Choir two and two.

The Prebends the ſame.

Then the Officers of Arms in like manner.

The Officers of the Order the like.

The Commiſſioners, if Companions, together with the like Reverences, but if not Companions, the Junior firſt goes out, and ſtays outſide the Choir Door, 'till the other Commiſſioner hath done the like; and then the Proceſſion is through the Iſle towards the Chapter-houſe, where the poor Knights make a ſtand, and divide themſelves on both Sides, at a diſtance from the Door.

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The Prebends divide in like manner next them.

The Officers of Arms in like manner neareſt the Door.

The Officers of the Order enter the Chapter-houſe, before the Lords Commiſſioners.

Return, and Inſtallation.

Then the poor Knights, Prebends, and Officers of Arms, having rang'd themſelves, the Proceſſion is again made into the Choir.

The poor Knights paſs on into the Chappel, make their Reverences, and place themſelves on both Sides, as before, near the Altar.

The Prebends then enter with the ſame Reverences, and go to their reſpective Seats.

The Officers of Arms ſtand next below the poor Knights.

The Officers of the Order follow, Garter in the middle, carrrying on a Cuſhion the Mantle, Hood, Great Collar, George, and Book of Statutes,

tutes, having the Regiſter on his Right Hand carrying the *New Teſtament*, and the Oath, fairly wrote on Parchment, and the Black Rod on his Left: They enter with the like Reverences, and proceed towards the Seat before, or below the Stall of the Elect Knight, where Garter places the Cuſhion with the Enſigns on the Desk; and the Officers of the Order ſtand below in the Choir.

The Commiſſioners having between them the Knight Elect, carrying his Cap in his Hand, enter making the like Reverences together, and then theſe go into the Seat below, or under the Knight's Stall, the Senior Commiſſioner entring firſt.

If three Commiſſioners, the two Seniors conduct the Knight, and the Junior goes before them.

Then one of the Officers of the Order holding the *New-Teſtament* open

open, the Knight Elect lays his Right Hand thereon, and the Regiſter having read the Oath to him, he kiſſes the Book.

About this Time, two Prebends are to be conducted to the Altar by the Verger, to officiate.

The Commiſſioners and Knight Elect come out of that Under-Seat, and the Senior Knight enters the appointed Stall of the Knight Elect, who follows him, and then the other Commiſſioner enters alſo.

Then the Regiſter and Garter enter into the Under-Seat, the Black Rod continuing in his former Place, where Garter preſents to the Commiſſioners the Mantle, who inveſt the Knight therewith; the Regiſter, during that time, reading the Admonition.

Receive this Robe, &c.

Garter then preſents the Hood to the Commiſſioners, who put it over the Knight's Right Shoulder,

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bringing the Tippets athwart his Breaſt, and tucking them under the Belt.

Then Garter preſents to them the Great Collar and George, which they faſten over the Mantle and Hood upon the Knight's Shoulders, whilſt the Regiſter reads the Admonition.

Wear this Collar, &c.

Garter then preſents the Statute-Book, which the Commiſſioners deliver to the Knight, and the Commiſſioners then place the Cap and Feathers on his Head, and ſeat him in his Stall; whereon the Officers of the Order retire with the uſual Reverences and ſtand before their Seats.

The Knight being thus Inſtalled, riſes up, makes his Reverences, firſt towards the Altar, then to the Sovereign's Stall; and then the Commiſſioners, embracing him, congratulate him, and deſcend.

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The Commiſſioners being come down into the middle of the Choir, make their Reverences: And if no more are to be Inſtalled, the Junior Knight ſtands in the Choir before his Stall, 'till the Senior aſcends his Stall, when the other alſo takes his Stall, and both make their Reverences as ſoon as they are in them.

The Officers of the Order then make their Reverences, and ſit in their Seats.

The Officers of Arms in a Body, do the like, and come down towards the Sovereign's Stall, placing themſelves on both Sides.

Laſtly, The poor Knights do the ſame, and retire towards their Seats.

If any other Knight is to be Inſtalled, the Commiſſioners deſcend in the former Manner, and ſtand under their Banners; and then the poor Knights join, make their Reverences, and go out two and two, [the Prebends continuing in their Seats]

Seats] Then the Officers of Arms do the ſame; then the Officers of the Order, in like manner; then the Commiſſioners (if Companions together) otherwiſe the Junior firſt, and go to the Chapter-houſe as before, and from thence introduce the other Knight Elect, and Inſtall him in the former manner.

But in Caſe the ſame be done by *Proxy*, He enters Bare-headed between the Commiſſioners, and is conducted as above, to the Seat under the Stall of his Principal, where the Regiſter gives him the Oath; and then he is in the former Method led into the Stall, where the Commiſſioners put the Mantle over his left Shoulder, or Arm, in ſuch manner as the Croſs, Embroidered within the Garter, may be ſeen; and then the Commiſſioners ſeat him in the Stall, who forthwith riſes up, makes his Reverences to the Altar, and to the Sovereign's Stall;

and then the Commiſſioners embrace him, and congratulate him in the Name of his Principal; and then the Officers of the Order, and the Commiſſioners retire as is aboveſaid, and the *Proxy* afterwards ſtands up, or leans on the Cuſhion, holding the Mantle in the Form abovementioned.

Offering. When theſe Words in the Prayers are pronounced, *Let your Light ſo ſhine*, &c.

The poor Knights forthwith come from their Seats, join, make their Reverences, and paſs up near to the Altar where they place themſelves as before.

So the Officers of Arms, the Purſivants firſt.

Garter then riſes from his Seat, repairs to the middle of the Choir, there makes his Reverences, and coming before the Stalls of the Junior Knights, ſummons them, if they are Pairs, or Companions,

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to deſcend together, who having made their Reverences in their Stalls, come down into the Choir, where meeting, they again make their Reverences together, and go under their Banners; and then all the other Knights and *Proxies* are ſummoned, who deſcend in like manner; but if any Knight or *Proctor* wants his Companion, he deſcends ſingle.

The Knights and *Proxies* all thus ſtanding under their Banners, Garter making his Reverences, repairs to his Seat; and the Provincial Kings of Arms meet and make their Reverences, and repair to the Senior Knight, or Knights, if Pairs, who go from under their Banners, make their Reverences, and being preceded by theſe Kings of Arms, paſs up to the firſt Step of the Altar, where they again make their uſual Reverences; and coming to the Rails, make only Reverence to-

wards the Altar, and, kneeling down, offer Gold and Silver into the Baſon held by two of the Prebends.

Then they make again their Reverences to the Altar only, and at their Return on the loweſt Step, to the Altar and to the Sovereign's Stall; and thence are conducted into the Stalls of the Junior Knights on their reſpective Side, where, being aſcended, they again make their Reverences, and then paſs on thro' the Stalls to their own, where they do the ſame, and then ſet down.

The two eldeſt Heralds then go down in the like manner, and conduct the next Knight or Knights who offer, and return to their Stalls in like manner; and the ſame is repeated 'till all the Knights have offered: This Rule being conſtantly to be obſerved, That if any Knight hath not his Companion, he offers ſingly by himſelf.

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After the Offering, the Officers of Arms make their Reverences in a a Body, and ſtand in their former Places near the Sovereign's Stall.

The poor Knights retire to their Seats.

The Prebends at the Altar continue on the Prayers, which being ended, they are conducted by the Verger to their Seats, having made their Reverences. Prayers ended.

The Officers of the Order then move from their Seat, make their Reverences ſtanding before it.

Garter leaves them, and going into the middle of the Choir, makes his Obeiſances, goes up to the Stalls of the Junior Knights, if Companions, ſummoning them to deſcend; who, having made their Reverences, come down, and meeting below, make their Reverences together, and then retire under their Banners.

The ſame is repeated to, and by all the Knights and *Proxies*: But ſo as Com-

Companions deſcend together, tho' otherwiſe, ſingle.

Proceſſion to the Caſtle.

All the Knights and *Proxies* being thus under their Banners, the poor Knights join, go down, and make their Reverences in the middle of the Choir, and go out of the ſame.

Then the Prebends do the like.

The Officers of Arms the ſame.

Then the Officers of the Order the like.

Then the Junior Knights go firſt in the like manner, and the reſt of the Knights in their Order, either ſingle, or with their Companions.

It is to be obſerved, that the *Proxy* goes in the Place of the Principal, carrying the Mantle in the manner abovementioned, but at the Door of the Chapter, the Sexton receives the Mantle from him, and he goes no farther in the Proceſſion.

Theſe Proceſſions have been to different Places, and in different Ways and Forms, according to the Weather, and the Place where the Dinner is to be.

It hath of late been throug the middle Iſle down to the Weſt-gate of the Chappel, and ſo up through the South Iſle, and out of the South Door, and then on to the upper Caſtle, between the Caſtle-Wall and the *Keep*, and ſo into the Lodgings, the Drums and Trumpets going before; in which the Officers of the Order, after they come out of the Church, are to be covered, as at other times, when neither the Sovereign, or his Lieutenant, repreſenting his Perſon, are preſent; in which Caſes they proceed in another Place.

The Drums and Trumpets ſtay at the Foot of the Stairs going up to the Guard Chamber, but the poor Knights go into that Chamber,

ber, and there ſtand off on both Sides for the Proceſſion to paſs between them; the Prebends do the like: The Officers of Arms go into the Preſence Chamber, and there place themſelves in the like manner, the Purſivants next the Door. In which Place the Officers of the Order are uncovered.

Dinner. If the Knights dine in their Robes or Surcoats, Garter, with the Officers of Arms following him, at the ſecond Courſe, proceeds from the lower End of the Room, to the Place where the then Inſtalled Knight ſits, who ſtands up uncovered, when Garter pronounces *Largeſſe*, and then proclaims the Knight's Style, either in *French* or *Engliſh*, and then all the Officers of Arms cry *Largeſſe*, and making their Obeiſances, retire.

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